

CIVIL WAR IN BUTTE MINERS' RANKS MAY TURN STRONGEST CAMP INTO OPEN SHOP



Miners' Union Hall, Butte, Mont., as it appeared after the seceding miners' wrecking party had dynamited it. At the side are photographs of typical Butte miners in their working clothes.

Butte, Mont., July 2.—Will the civil war now raging in the miners' union turn Butte, the most strongly organized mining camp of the west, into an "open shop"?

Will the bitterness and hatreds which have resulted in killings and bloodshed, at the finish, be capitalized by the mining corporations and turned into larger profits for Boston and New York millionaires?

The quarrel is between workmen who have worked side by side in the bowels of the earth; who have risked in common the lives they now would take in their anger against each other. But back in the distance stand

the owners, waiting and watching for a chance to take away the benefits which organization had through years of struggle and hardship won for the men who labor.

On the one side are the men loyal to the Western Federation of Miners whose local union, up to the middle of June, had upon its rolls 7,000 names.

Against them are 2,000 of these men who have seceded and declare that never again will they recognize President Charles Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners or the officers of the local union. They have organized a new union and are calling